

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE REPEAL AND PROMULGATION

AGENCY: Department of Marine Resources

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S.A. Sections 6172 and 6192

RULE REPEAL AND PROMULGATION: DMR Regulation 95.09 B, Closed Area No. 53, Narraguagus River and the Mitchell Point area, Milbridge, promulgated on January 7, 2000, is repealed and replaced with the following rule:

TEXT OF RULE: 95.09 B, Closed Area No. 53, Narraguagus River, Milbridge.

Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the Narraguagus River, in the Town of Milbridge, Washington County, inside (north and west) of a line beginning at Long Point, running north to a red painted post on the eastern shore of the Narraguagus River 300 yards north of Ficketts Point.

Violation of any provision of this regulation shall be a Class D Crime (12 M.R.S.A. Section 6204).

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 18, 2003


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STATEMENT OF FACT AND POLICY

The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources repeals the emergency DMR Regulation 95.09 B, Closed Area No. 53, Narraguagus River and the Mitchell Point area, Milbridge, promulgated on January 7, 2000, and replaces it with a new regulation. This new regulation opens part of the eastern shore at the mouth of the river and closes more of the western shore down to Long Point. This new regulation also excludes part B (Mitchell Point) of the previous regulation. Mitchell Point is now covered under new regulation 52K and remains closed.

Department personnel have sampled and surveyed the Narraguagus River area and determined that a smaller closure can be enforced and still maintain public health in the Fickett Point area, but a degradation in water quality on the western shore of the river forces the closure of more flats in the area just north of Long Point.


GILBERT M. BILODEAU, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
FOR GEORGE D. LAPOINTE, COMMISSIONER AS
AUTHORIZED BY 12 MRSA SECTION 6023

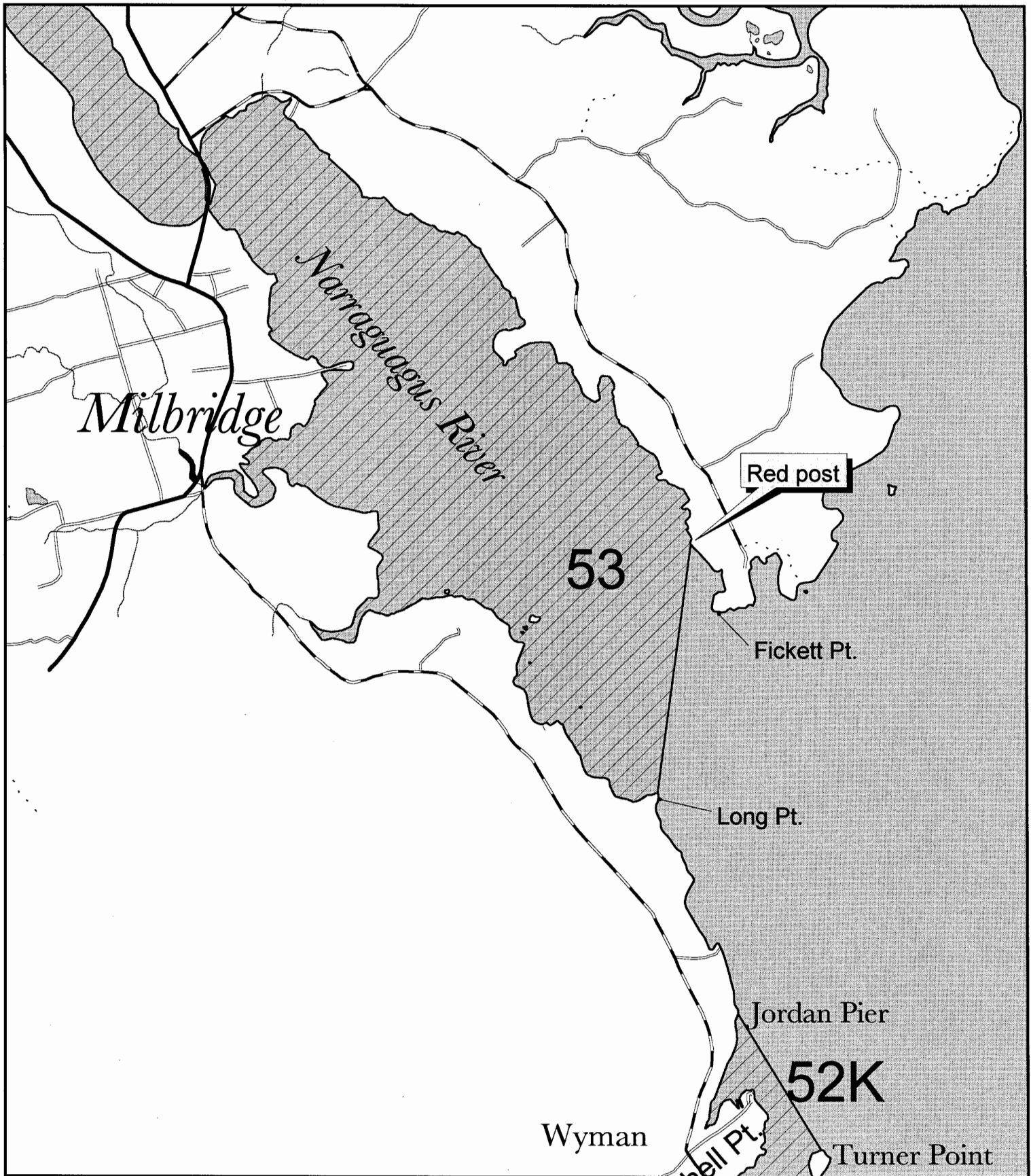


Maine Department of Marine Resources

Legal Notice of Shellfish Closure Area

For: Milbridge

C53 - Narraguages River 12-18-03



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